

## **Monroe County Oral History Index**

A requirement in Dr. DeVries' History class at the Monroe County Community College was for each student to record, on audio or video cassette, a 30 minute interview with one or more persons at least 65 years of age. The interviewee could be a relative, close family friend, or an individual assigned by Dr. DeVries.

After recording the interview, the student was required to transcribe and type the entire conversation verbatim. Topics of possible discussion included:

Immigration Experience  
Immigrants  
World War I  
Prohibition  
Minority Groups  
Women's Roles  
Family  
Work  
Schools  
Churches  
Transportation  
Movies  
Social Life  
Community Legends

Radio  
Recreation  
Sports  
Holidays (Christmas, Easter, Etc.)  
Government  
The Depression  
World War II  
Korean War  
Important Personalities in One's Life  
Family Traditions  
How One Came to Settle in Monroe  
Merchants  
Newton Strike  
Local Color

In those instances where the interview is regarded as especially excellent, Dr. DeVries requested permission to place a copy of the recording and transcript in the Monroe County Library Local History Collection housed at the Ellis Library and Reference Center. To be placed in the collection a release must be obtained by both the interviewer and the interviewee.